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Up to \$355,000 in Alaska Clean Water Actions Grants Available

Local organizations sought to help improve State's high priority water bodies

(JUNEAU, AK) — Up to \$355,000 may be available for clean water projects through the Alaska Clean Water Actions (ACWA) grants. Each year, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), along with the Departments of Natural Resources and Fish and Game, solicits proposals for clean water projects to be funded through ACWA grants. The grant program is one opportunity where the State of Alaska can direct federal monies to projects the state believes are important. The funds are granted to local communities and citizens groups for projects that monitor and restore Alaska's high priority water bodies.

"Our annual grant program is one important way we work with local entities to improve water quality throughout the state," said Michelle Hale, DEC's Director of Division of Water. "We've structured this year's program to align closely with our five-year Alaska Clean Water Plan. We have identified specific waters we are especially interested in and are seeking proposals for projects that will tell us more about the quality of these waters, restore those that are polluted, and protect the healthy ones."

For more information about the ACWA grant priorities and the solicitation process, visit: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/acwa/onlineACWAapp.htm>.

To see what communities and organizations have accomplished through past ACWA projects, visit: http://dec.alaska.gov/water/acwa/acwa_index.htm.

The solicitation opens December 29, 2015. All applications must be submitted online by 5:00pm, February 16, 2016.

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